

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. An apparatus for receiving an animal control signal, said apparatus
2 comprising:

3 a receiver for receiving an animal control signal from a transmitter,
4 wherein said animal control signal is received without said receiver transmitting a signal to
5 indicate to said transmitter the presence of said animal in a target zone;

6 a memory for storing an identifier, wherein said identifier is associated
7 with one of a plurality of animals in a household;

8 a processor configured to initiate a routine for application of a
9 correction signal to said animal if said animal control signal received from said transmitter
10 matches said identifier.

1 2. The apparatus as described in claim 1 and further comprising:

2 a correction signal generator coupled with said processor.

1 3. The apparatus as described in claim 1 wherein said correction signal
2 generator is configured to generate a sound in the audible range of said animal.

1 4. The apparatus as described in claim 2 wherein said correction signal
2 generator is configured to generate a voltage for application to said animal.

1 5. The apparatus as described in claim 1 and further comprising:

2 a collar for said animal.

1 6. The apparatus as described in claim 1 wherein said animal control
2 signal comprises:

3 a header;

4 a payload comprising at least eight bits wherein said payload
5 comprises only two binary data "ones".

1 7. The apparatus as described in claim 6 wherein said payload identifies
2 at least 21 different animals.

1 8. A method of receiving an animal control signal, said method
2 comprising:

3 receiving an animal control signal from a transmitter, wherein said
4 animal control signal is received without said receiver transmitting a signal to indicate to said
5 transmitter the presence of said animal in a target zone;

6 storing an identifier in a memory, wherein said identifier is associated
7 one of a plurality animals in a household;

8 providing a processor configured to initiate a routine for application of
9 a correction signal to said animal if said animal control signal received from said transmitter
10 matches said identifier.

1 9. The method as described in claim 8 and further comprising:

2 generating a correction signal for use by said routine.

1 10. The method as described in claim 9 wherein said generating a
2 correction signal comprises generating a sound in the audible range of said animal.

1 11. The method as described in claim 9 wherein said generating a
2 correction signal comprises generating a voltage for application to said animal.

1 12. The method as described in claim 8 and further comprising:

2 providing a collar for use with said correction signal generator.

1 13. The method as described in claim 8 wherein said receiving an animal
2 control signal comprises:

3 receiving header information;

4 receiving a payload comprising at least eight bits wherein said payload
5 comprises only two binary data "ones".

1 14. The method as described in claim 13 wherein said payload identifies at
2 least 21 different animals.

1 15. A method of transmitting an animal control signal for use in creating
2 an avoidance zone in which said animal is not permitted, said method comprising:

3 providing a transmitter for use in creating an avoidance zone;

4 configuring said transmitter to be capable of storing a plurality of
5 identifiers wherein each of said plurality of identifiers is associated with a corresponding
6 animal in a household;

7 selecting one of said plurality of identifiers;

8 transmitting from said transmitter an animal control signal matching
9 said selected identifier without receiving via an animal control receiver a signal to indicate to
10 said transmitter the presence of said animal in said target zone.

1 16. The method as described in claim 15 wherein said transmitting from
2 said transmitter said animal control signal comprises:

3 transmitting a header;

4 transmitting a payload comprising at least eight bits wherein said
5 payload comprises only two binary ones.

1 17. The apparatus as described in claim 16 wherein said payload identifies
2 at least 21 different instructions.

1 18. An apparatus for transmitting an animal control signal, said apparatus
2 comprising:

3 a transmitter;

4 a memory configured for storing a plurality of identifiers wherein each
5 of said plurality of identifiers is associated with one of a plurality of animals in a household;

6 a processor operable for selecting one of said plurality of identifiers;

7 wherein said transmitter is operable for transmitting an animal control
8 signal matching said selected identifier.

1 19. The apparatus as described in claim 18 wherein said animal control
2 signal comprises:

3 a header;

4 a payload comprising at least eight bits wherein said payload
5 comprises only two binary ones.

1 20. The apparatus as described in claim 19 wherein said payload identifies
2 at least 21 different instructions.

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